

To promote the economic, social and environmental viability of Northern California by enhancing and preserving the water rights, supplies and water quality of our members.

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Fethi Benjemaa California Department of Water Resources Water Use Efficiency Branch SBX7-7 Program P.O. Box 942836 Sacramento, CA 94236-0001

RE: ASC A1 Subcommittee – Proposed Methodology for Quantifying the Efficiency of Agricultural Water Use

Dear Mr. Benjemaa,

In response to the July 14, 2011 correspondence soliciting suggestions for quantifying the efficiency of agricultural water use and recommendations for subject matter experts for the A1 subcommittee, the Northern California Water Association (NCWA) would like to submit the following recommendations.

Attached is the "Suggestions for Developing a Methodology for Quantification of Agricultural Water Use Efficiency," prepared by Grant Davids to help frame the discussion for the development of the methodology.

In addition, I recommend the following individuals be designated subject matter experts for the A1 subcommittee:

- Dr. Charles Burt, Professor, Cal Poly SLO
- David Zoldoske, Professor, Fresno State
- Grant Davids, President, Davids Engineering
- Tim O'Halloran, General Manager, Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District
- Gary Kienlen, Principal, MBK Engineers

I would also like to recommend that the following members of the Agricultural Stakeholder Committee (ASC) be appointed to the A1 subcommittee:

- Lewis Bair, General Manager, Reclamation District No. 108
- Thaddeus Bettner, General Manager, Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District

• Brad Mattson, General Manager, Richvale Irrigation District

NCWA also fully supports the comments submitted by Thaddeus Bettner to you earlier today in the attached letter.

Thank you for your consideration of NCWA's recommendations. If you have any questions please give me a call at (916) 442-8333.

Sincerely,

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